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During Patty's tenure in state government she has served three California Governors and five agency secretaries. Among her many accomplishments, she helped develop and negotiate the California Global Warming Solutions Act, California's Clean Car Standards, Green Chemistry Initiative, as well as numerous water bonds and cutting edge environmental laws and initiatives. Patty's involvement in California water issues dates back to the beginning of her government career when she worked as a legislative analyst for the State Water Board.

Patty has a bachelor's degree in government with a concentration in public health microbiology from Sacramento State University, and an associate degree in animal health technology from Hartnell College. She is originally from the Netherlands and is fluent in Dutch.